

## UP THE PALISADES.

The Capital Pleasure Club Give a Planked Shad Dinner in Honor of Hon. George H. White and Others.

The Capital Pleasure Club covered itself with glory Thursday evening May 2, at Lake View Park. There overlooking the beautiful palisades of the historic Potomac the Club entertained its friends at a splendid planked shad bake. The arrangements were complete in every particular. After arriving at the park the excellent view of the surrounding country was taken in the pure ozone breathed and dull care of city life laid aside. A few moments later the gentlemen filed into the spacious dining-room prepared to do full justice to that noble member of the finny tribe—the toothsome shad—planked for the occasion by the genius of Mr. R. H. Neal, the right hand man of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. As a shad plunker Mr. Neal is a gem.

In the dining room music and speeches followed the disappearance of the excellent repast. The Club's guest of honor was the Hon. George H. White. That distinguished gentleman was never more witty and eloquent. The rafters shook with applause after his speech. The other guests were Mr. E. E. Cooper of The Colored American, Drs. W. B. Lofton, and F. P. Laney, Messrs. C. C. Curtis, Felix Ryan, Robert Drew, Sales and A. O. Stafford. There were good speeches from Messrs. Barton, Cooper, Smith, Askins, Robinson, Wiles, Curtis and Drs. Lofton and Laney.

The Capitol Pleasure Club must be congratulated for eclipsing all their previous efforts. It was an evening long to be remembered. The officers of this organization are John W. Evans, president, Andrew Dyer, vice president, T. E. Barton, secretary, N. G. Robinson, assistant secretary, Robert Crates, treasurer. Its members are: John W. Williams, James A. Savoy, C. C. Cooper, L. A. Wiles, J. W. Smith, J. E. Dent, Charles Christine, R. H. Neal, Arthur A. Lucas, A. B. Thomas, Geo. A. Johnson and Jacob B. Askins.

## NOTES

Ten dollars was raised through the eloquence of Hon. George H. White for the legal fight of the Afro-American Council. The Club expects to give at an early date an entertainment for the purpose of raising a larger sum for the same object.

Dr. Lofton was at his best in his speech. It was weighty as well as witty. The doctor knows finance as well as dentistry.

The Club showed that it appreciates the genuine article by its reception of the clever speech of Mr. E. E. Cooper. It was sound and strong.

Mr. Robinson's quotation from Burns made a distinct hit.

Mr. Andrew Dyer's stories brought forth much laughter. They were new and good.

Mr. Evans, the president, was voted the handsomest man present.

As an assistant shad plunker, Mr. Arthur A. Lucas was a tremendous success.

Mr. James A. Savoy managed the liquid refreshments with skill and dispatch. He was in constant demand.

Avail yourself of the opportunity to secure one of those modern apartments in the Linden or Harewood, corner 3rd and Oak streets. Rent reduced.

## CITY PARAGRAPHS.

Editor A. L. Manly of The Daily Record has been on the sick list.

Vacation in the graded schools begins Wednesday, June twentieth.

September 3rd will be District Day at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo.

The Congressional Lyceum is prospering under the guidance of President W. C. Martin.

Tomorrow is Pen and Pencil Day at the Second Baptist Lyceum. The Club will attend in a body.

Lawyer J. M. Ricks is "in the hands of his friends" as regards his candidacy for Justice of the Peace.

The Harewood and Linden Apartment House is open for inspection every day. Rent has been reduced.

Principal Booker T. Washington passed through the city last Friday en route to Philadelphia and New York.

Hon. John P. Green is representing St. Luke's P. E. church at the Episcopal convention in session this week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Charles Garnes (nee Miss Carlotta Clark) have gone to Kansas City, Mo., where they will make their future home. Mrs. Garnes' mother reside in the Gate City.

A public reception to Lieut. Benjamin O. Davis, the newly appointed army officer is talked of. It may be directed by the officials of the High School, of which Lieut. Davis is an honored graduate.

Tomorrow at the Second Baptist church, 11 a. m., Rev. W. Bishop Johnson will conclude his series of sermons from peculiar-sounding Bible texts. His theme will be "It is Finished," John 19:30.

You can secure handsome apartments at the Harewood at reduced rates.

Lawyer John A. Moss was once a Justice of the Peace for the District of Columbia and, and old citizens say that he made a capital one. It is understood that Mr. Moss is a candidate for appointment under the new law.

Miss Celestine Harris of E street, s. w. left last Saturday for Providence, R. I., where she attended the wedding ceremony of her brother, Harry Harris and Miss Emma Johnston, which took place in Providence last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Paul Laurence Dunbar, who has been spending some time in Florida, Tuskegee and other southern points, has returned, greatly improved in health. He made a profound impression upon the students at Tuskegee by his readings and special lectures.

The Richmond Beneficial Association has opened headquarters in the Capital Savings Bank building, and have placed Mr. W. F. Braxton in charge. The apartments are cosily furnished, and the convenient location guarantees a healthy business.

The Capital Savings Bank building is the down town rendezvous of more prominent colored men than any other building in the country. The rallying hour is between 4 and 5 p. m., when the delegates come in from the several departments and places of business.

Prof. F. L. Cardozo, J. W. Cromwell, R. S. Smith, L. M. Hershaw, W. T. Menard, A. F. Hillyer and Robert P. Ham assisted in making very interesting "Reconstruction Night" at Bethel last week. Their anecdotes gave out the true flavor of the humor of that important period of our history.

## THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

# United Order of True Reformers.

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881.

Office 604, 606 and 608 N. 2nd St., - - Richmond, Va.

An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for gilt edged business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

## SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 16 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age,) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per month.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

## ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 3 and 14 years of age. You pay \$1.00 either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$47.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.

In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$1.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$100 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues, \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1,000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Class B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29 1900 a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts .....	\$8,272 80	Capital stock paid in .....	88,125 00
Other stock, bonds and mortgages .....	164,423 83	Surplus fund .....	50,957 81
Due from National Banks ...	48,363 22	Undivided profits .....	6,826 80
Banking House .....	14,000 00	Demand certificate of deposit .....	96,786 29
Other real estates .....	99,588 00	Time certificates of deposit .....	118,424 74
Furniture and Fixtures .....	6,850 00		
Current expenses and taxes paid .....	1,388 99		
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12,399 80		
Paper currency .....	35,820 00		
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>391,120 84</b>	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>391,120 64</b>

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home". With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases 18 buildings.

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